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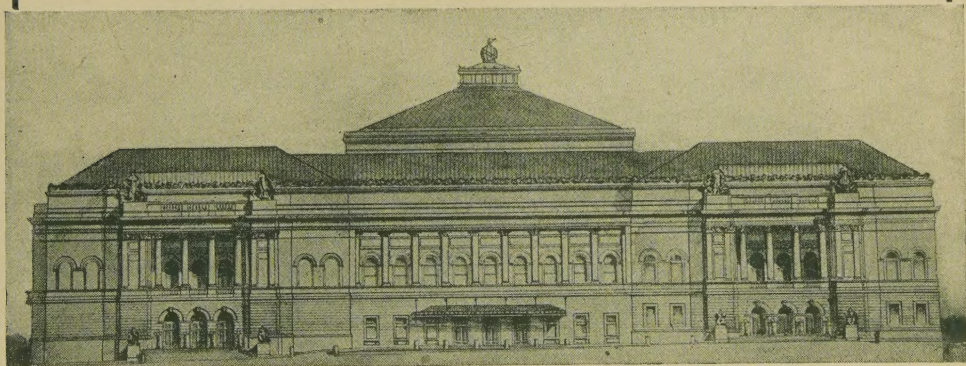
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Luther Leaguers in Porto Rico

BY MAY C. MELLANDER.

THE warm days of the summer months have in no wise dampened the ardor of the little band of Luther Leaguers in Cataño, Porto Rico. Regular weekly meetings have been held throughout the year and a genuine interest has been manifested.

The inception of this society was in a class of girls, which met once a week for Bible study, English and Spanish testaments being

ing, as well as a portion of the catechism, as it serves as a Sunday school teachers' meeting also. The regular and substitute teachers come from among this number of young people. A study of St. Paul's missionary journeys was particularly enjoyed, as was also a history of the Reformation. Three evenings during the summer were devoted to the study of spiritualism, according to the light of the



A GROUP OF LUTHER LEAGUERS,
Cataño, Porto Rico.

used. When the leader felt more secure in using the beautiful language of the people, others were invited and eventually a Luther League was organized.

Officers are elected every six months, who conduct the meetings, the regular Luther League order being followed. They enter heartily into the service and willingly take their turns in the opening exercises and take such parts in the discussion of the topic as they are able to do.

Luther League topics have been used and special Bible stories are studied at each meet-

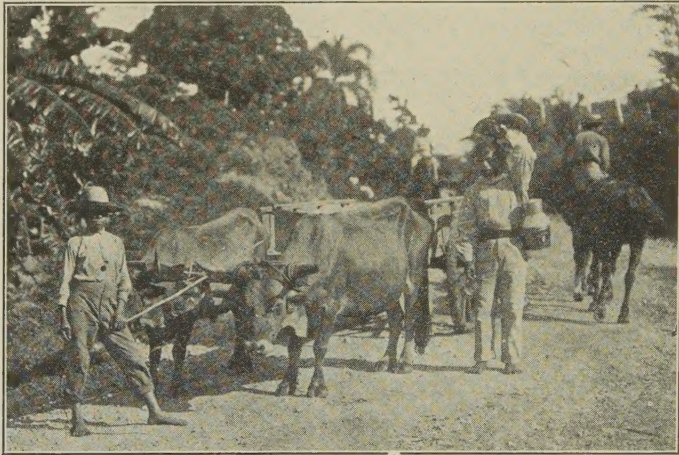
ing. Unfortunately an effort had been made to draw away some of our young friends from the true light, but they have remained faithful. At present a great deal of interest is being taken in becoming familiar with the various mission fields of the Lutheran Church. Daily Bible readings in their homes are also planned for them.

An effort has been made to arouse a feeling of personal responsibility in the work for the Master and that each one has a place to fill in the Church, which when vacant can not be taken by anyone else. As has been stated

above, from this society come the Sunday school teachers, choir members and one member of the church board. Soon we shall also have enough organists from this board. Several of them have been faithful about visiting those who attend the church services and in looking up the sick and missing ones. Their free will offering is to be used for some gift to the Church.

Thirty young men and women are enrolled, seventeen being active members. Many of the associate members, we hope, will join the confirmation class this fall. They are all bright, wide awake young people. A number of them are attending school, one being a sophomore in the normal school, while three are students in the high school. It means careful planning

faith, gave an address of welcome. She emphasized the necessity of attending divine services and to go to the pastor in all spiritual difficulties, to receive his advice and instructions. In part she said: "The pastor prescribes for us and directs us to the divine pharmacy where we can find the medicine which will kill the microbe making its way into our souls, and give us health and eternal life. The pharmacy is the Bible and the prescription is the word of God. We need directions how to take it and therefore need the instructions of the pastor. If we wish to study a science we buy the books, but we also need the direction of a professor or we shall not be able to continue very long in the study and will abandon it. Such will also be the result with the one who has a



THE KIND OF CARRIAGE THE CATANO LUTHER LEAGUERS USED IN THEIR TRIP THROUGH THE COUNTRY.

and sacrificing on the part of parents or sisters to allow many of these to remain in school. Others of the young women are at home or are earning their living by hard and steady application to their drawn work, while the young men are carpenters, machinists or cigar makers.

Recently the League gave a reception to Rev. and Mrs. Ostrom upon their return from the States, to which all the members of the congregation had been invited. A regular weekly service was first held, which was entirely conducted by the young people. In place of the regular topic two short papers were read, one on "Our League" and another on "Our Luther League Badge." The president, a young woman, who has had a number of trying experiences in her life to test her

Bible but never hears an explanation. It is needful to hear the word of God preached in order to fasten it in our memories. Otherwise our occupations will become worldly and our spirit will not receive eternal life. Think of our Saviour Jesus Christ and realize how necessary it is to be directed to Him."

The service closed with the singing of the rally hymn. It was the only number carried out in English, but it was sung with so much spirit and enthusiasm that those present could not help but feel the sentiment contained therein.

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If man's device can produce pure white paper from filthy rags, what should hinder God to raise from the dead this vile body and fashion it like the glorious body of Christ?—Gotthold.

The Pittsburgh Convention

ARRANGEMENTS for the convention of the Luther League of America in Pittsburgh have been about completed. The local committee have been making elaborate preparations to entertain the convention. A final word may be of service to delegates and visitors.

The convention banquet will be the only special feature of the convention provided by the local committee. The banquet will be given at McCreery's, who have one of the largest and finest dining rooms in the city. It is located at the corner of Sixth avenue and Wood street, two blocks from the church. The hour will be 7 p. m. Tickets for the banquet will be given free to all delegates, but

street; John Dimling, 409 Market street; Childs', Fifth avenue, near Smithfield street, and Sixth street near Liberty avenue. The Fort Pitt Hotel and Hotel Henry have good restaurants. There are "Dairy Lunch" restaurants on all sides. The Bureau of Information will have a complete list of restaurants on hand.

The local committee is securing a list of private boarding houses where accommodations may be secured. The rates there would be about \$1 per day, which would include breakfast. The Bureau of Information will furnish such places to those who may inquire. If the request is sent in before the convention, it will facilitate matters.



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provision will be made for visitors. They can secure tickets for the banquet from the committee in Pittsburgh.

The local committee after the convention will furnish guides to places of interest in and about the city to parties desiring such assistance. The service of the guides will be free, but each delegate or visitor will be expected to bear his own expenses on these trips.

Tickets will be provided for all delegates, officers and speakers at the convention. All visitors may procure tickets from the Bureau of Information at the rate of \$1.50 each. Application for tickets should be made the first day of the convention so the committee may know how many visitors will attend. Applications sent by mail will be promptly attended to.

As for restaurants, there are many first class restaurants in Pittsburgh at reasonable rates. Among them are Miller, 514 Smithfield

In Pittsburgh street cars stop on the near side of the street.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW will publish a convention number containing a full report of the proceedings of this convention. Subscriptions for this number of the REVIEW should be sent to THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, post office box 876, New York City.

Credential blanks may be obtained from Rev. C. K. Hunton, Statistical Secretary, Salem, Va. *Delegates to the convention are expected and required to present properly certified credentials.*

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THE FORT PITT HOTEL
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Rates.	
Rooms, single, without bath.....	\$1.50 and up
Rooms, single, with shower bath.....	2.00 "
Rooms, single, with tub.....	2.50 "



THE FORT PITT HOTEL,
Convention headquarters.

Rooms, double, without bath.....	\$2.50 and up
Rooms, double, with shower bath.....	3.00 "
Rooms, double, with tub.....	3.50 "
Rooms, two beds and bath for two persons....	\$4.00
Rooms, two beds and bath for three persons....	5.00
Rooms, two beds and bath for four persons....	6.00

THE HOTEL HENRY.

Fifth Avenue between Smithfield and Grant Streets.
European Plan Only.

Rates.

Rooms, single, without bath.....	\$1.50 and up
Rooms, double, without bath.....	2.50 "
Rooms, single, with bath.....	2.50 "
Rooms, double, with bath.....	3.50 "

THE SEVENTH AVENUE HOTEL.
Seventh Avenue and Liberty Street.
American Plan.

Rates.

One person, one room, without bath.....	\$2.50 to \$3.50
Two persons, one room, without bath.....	2.50 to 3.00 each
One person, one room, with bath....	3.50 to 5.00
Two persons, one room, with bath....	3.00 to 4.00 each

European Plan.

One person, one room, without bath.....	\$1.00 to \$2.00
Two persons, one room, without bath.....	1.00 to 1.50 each
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Two persons, one room, with bath....	1.50 to 2.50 each

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Rates.

Without bath	\$1.00 to \$2.00
With bath	2.00 to 4.00

Any mail for delegates may be addressed care of "The Luther League of America," Pittsburgh, Pa., and it will be delivered at the Bureau of Information in the church.

The convention headquarters selected by the local committee is Fort Pitt Hotel, where all delegates should go to register immediately on their arrival in Pittsburgh.

The indications are that the attendance upon the convention will be very large.

May we all come in the spirit of our Master. So may we be inspired and stimulated for increased Christian activity in our work for Christ and the Church at home.

LUTHER M. KUHS.

The Aim of Luther League Organization

BY HENRY G. DEININGER.

INCREASED activity in practical Church work, increased knowledge of Lutheran doctrines, increased knowledge of Church history, increased knowledge of missions—foreign, home and inner—and other Church activities, increased loyalty to the Church are the accepted and acknowledged results of the Luther League movement on the young people. Add to these the indirect similar results in the Church at large and you have the tremendous, active, vital influence of the Luther League which has been increasing yearly in the Lutheran Church.

Such products cannot come but from an organization firmly and clearly planned and founded with an object for local, district or State League clearly defined and well adhered to. That the founders of the League knowing well the difficulties and trials surrounding such a movement, planned wisely and well is fully attested by these results. With a record such as this and with the Lutheran Church in America looking forward to a greater development in the next ten years than in any sim-

ilar period in her history, it is well for us to keep in mind the intent and purpose of our work. Greater opportunities mean greater responsibilities and we should prepare to meet them.

The model constitution as found in the Luther League Handbook gives the object of the local Luther League as:

"To quicken in its members a clearer consciousness of Christian faith; to produce in each member fidelity to his own Church, and to increase his usefulness as one of its workers; to help each member to be a true witness for Christ and an efficient teacher of the gospel."

First and foremost, then, the local League must develop its members spiritually, to make them better and stronger members of the Church with a deeper knowledge of the faith and a deeper love of the Master and His cause.

Secondly, it must educate them in the word of God, in the doctrines and history of the Lutheran Church, in the growth and conduct of her missions and other activities. To aid

in this work is the purpose of the Topics and Reading Course.

Thirdly, it must train its members in service in the Church. Today, especially, is the call to actualize our faith in daily life and conversation. The local League must urge and aid its members to spend and be spent in the service of the Church. Ushering; visiting the sick, the poor, the wayward and the indifferent; canvassing the neighborhood; publishing the congregational paper, are but a few of the ways in which the live League may aid the pastor and forward the practical work of the congregation.

In addition to these the local League should give its members opportunities for proper social intercourse. This requires exercising the greatest care, so that the social feature does not become too prominent. The League that develops only the social side is fulfilling only a part—a very, very small part—of its function.

The local Leagues are united into district Leagues, and here, too, it is of the utmost importance to know and to adhere to definite lines of work.

Referring to the Luther League Handbook again, we find the following objects set forth in the suggested constitution for district Leagues:

"To bring together the young people's societies of the Lutheran Churches within this district for the purpose of promoting their growth and strengthening their influence by conferences and other forms of co-operation.

"To assist them in maintaining and advancing the objects of the local societies.

"To bring them into closer association with the State and national organizations.

"To encourage the formation of young people's societies in all Lutheran congregations in this district.

"To promote a friendly spirit of intercourse among the members of the local societies within the district."

With these objects in mind and bearing in mind the experiences of those active for years in the work of truly successful District Leagues, we find the function of the District League to be advisory, educational, suggestive, inspirational. It must also seek to extend to all Lutheran congregations a knowledge of the League and urge the formation of young people's societies and also to urge all Leagues to maintain a close and intimate connection not only with the District League, but also with the State and National Leagues.

Advisory.—The District League in no wise interferes with the absolute independence of the local society, but only seeks to counsel and advise and not to direct or command.

Educational.—It must seek to have the delegates or members attending conventions not only educated along the line of the topic of the convention, but that they may go home and continue the work of education in the local League. It must discuss such problems of the Church as will make well rounded, intelligent Lutherans.

Suggestive.—The District League should by means of the subjects discussed at conventions, by distributing literature, by question boxes at conventions, and by visitation suggest proper and successful methods of League work, and give the individual League plans by which it may more fully realize its object.

Inspirational.—It must inspire the local Leaguers to enter on the work enthusiastically, with greater energy and with a determination to achieve the best results. Delegates should return from district conventions with a desire for greater knowledge and a resolution to do more and be more in the life and work of the congregation.

The District League must be non-synodical. This is of vital importance. Synodical work in the entire Luther League movement should be confined to the local League, which should heartily and enthusiastically enter on the work of the congregation and through it of the synod to which it belongs. District Leagues properly discuss missions and best methods of studying and aiding them, but should never seek to collect funds for that purpose. They may urge the local Leagues and Leaguers to give more, but to give through the regular congregational channels. The province of the District League is the same in relation to Church Extension, Educational Institutions and other lines of work carried on along synodical lines.

What has been stated of the District League is true also of the State League. The difference is merely one of geographical extent.

With a deeper realization of the function of the local League on the one side and of the District and State League on the other; with a realization that we of ourselves can do nothing, but that through Christ we can do all things, let us as members of individual Leagues, of District Leagues, of State Leagues, of the National League, press forward with renewed vigor to meet our greater responsibilities.

The Luther League—Its Opportunity

BY EARL BARKHUFF, ALTAMONT, N. Y.

A CORRECT conception of opportunities and a firm faith in the importance of those opportunities lays at the foundation of all achievement. This is true in every sphere of activity. It is true in the business world and it is true in the professional world. The men who possess the greatest knowledge of their opportunities and have the strongest conviction of their importance are the men who accomplish most. It is no less true when applied to an organization than in the case of an individual. An organization is no stronger than its members. To be useful its members must know and understand its opportunities, or rather know and understand their opportunities in an aggregate capacity. They must be imbued with faith in the importance of its object and in the ability of the organization to accomplish it. Let the members of any organization—no matter what its object may be—become convinced that it is powerless, that its opportunities are not worth improving and that its future is simply one great blank, and the motive power of that organization is gone and its usefulness is a thing of the past.

Of all the opportunities which open before the Luther League today, those which may be termed educational—if not the most important—are among the most important, for education opens the door to, and provides a means of improving, many opportunities which would otherwise never be known, or, if known, could not be taken advantage of. In the same proportion in which education advances, the field of opportunity widens to those who receive it.

The Luther League is an organization of the Young People's Societies of the Lutheran Church of America, banded together in the name of Christ and in the interests of His kingdom. In the constitutions of the Leagues we read "We acknowledge as the bond of our union the word of God as the only infallible rule of faith and practice and the unaltered Augsburg Confession as the correct exponent of that word." And concerning the objects of the individual societies, we read in their constitutions: "The object of this League shall be the improvement of its members, morally, socially, intellectually and spiritually and to render to the Church such aid as may lie in its power." May we not well ask what educational opportunities are not possessed by such an organization, founded upon such prin-

ciples and aiming to accomplish such objects? Think of the hundreds of societies, up and down through this land, which are standing upon such principles and aiming to accomplish such objects; think of the great number of young people, coming from Christian homes, the flower of this nation, who compose such societies and are striving to accomplish the objects for which they are organized; and can we doubt that it has educational opportunities which should make membership in it desirable for that feature alone.

First and greatest among such opportunities of the League is its opportunity of studying the Bible. The Bible is the text book of the League. Some portion of it is studied at each devotional meeting. Of that book it has been said: "It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error, for its matter—it is all pure, all sincere; nothing too much, nothing wanting." How can we estimate the refining influence which the study of such a book has upon the mind? Dr. Moody once said concerning the Bible: "The Bible is a storehouse of whose contents no one can afford to be ignorant. It repays reading and study whether it be approached merely because of its literary value, or its ethical teachings or its practical bearing upon everyday life." The profoundest truths, the height of reasoning and the sublimest principles are all to be found between the covers of that book.

It has been said that the object of education is to enable man to solve the problems of life. If this be true—and we would not dispute it—then a thorough knowledge of the Bible constitutes an education, for therein is found the principle, the rule and the formula, for solving life's problems. Or as the poet has said:

"A glory gilds the sacred page,
Majestic like the sun,
It gives a light to every age,
It gives but borrows none."

Next come the quarterlies, the topics, the lesson helps, the Luther League Reading Course, and the various other literature, prepared especially for the use of the League. In these a lesson is mapped out for each meeting. The lessons cover a wide range. They include a study of the principles, privileges and duties of a Christian life. They cover the missionary activities of the Church, both at

home and abroad, and in fact every subject connected with the Church and its work. Sources of information on the subject are referred to. Explanation is given, and suggestion made and such questions are asked that it is necessary to acquire a comprehensive knowledge of the subject, in order to answer them.

Then there is the educational opportunity which always arises from the association of intelligent and progressive people. This opportunity should by no means be overlooked. There is much that we acquire in this way that we could get in no other. In such society there is a refining influence which will make a lasting impression upon those who mingle in it.

At the meetings of the League, the pastor is usually present and ready to give his assistance wherever it is needed and to make such suggestions as seem wise. In this lies another educational opportunity. He is not only a man of education, but his education has been such as peculiarly fits him to be of assistance to such a society as the League. He is able to give the members a more comprehensive view of the subject than they possess and very frequently, by simply asking, the League may have the benefit of a more extended talk by him, upon some subject which may be of interest and benefit to the members.

All these opportunities—so far as my knowledge upon the subject extends—I believe are being improved by the several Leagues, in some degree at least. But there are many others which are open to such an organization which, I fear, are not taken advantage of. As I have said before, we will not consider the educational opportunities which the members of the League have as individuals, but there are many opportunities open to them as an organization. There is no reason why the Leagues should not engage in educational pursuits which are not strictly along devotional lines. One method which, I believe, can be followed by such societies to advantage, is to assign the subject which it is desired to study to one or more members and have them give the subject special thought and attention and present papers upon it at a meeting of the society. This method is made still more useful, if all the members come to the meeting at which the papers are to be presented, prepared to intelligently discuss those papers, with a view of getting at the

bottom of the subject. There is practically no limit to the educational opportunities of a society which follows such a plan.

Another educational feature of the League which is not to be overlooked, are the conventions. This is one of the opportunities of the League which is too little appreciated. If a Leaguer attends a convention, such as this one today, and does not carry away with him a broader knowledge of the organization, does not depart a more enthusiastic member of the League than he was when he came and does not receive inspirations which will benefit him, and which he can carry back to his own society, to the benefit of its members, there is something the matter with the Leaguer. A few weeks ago the convention of the State League met in the city of New York. I wonder if there are not many who had the opportunity to go and did not. If there are, no doubt they deprived themselves of an educational feast. This fall the national convention convenes in the city of Pittsburgh, the birthplace of the national organization. There the history of the League will be reviewed, its progress traced, step by step, and its opportunities for further advancement pointed out, by those who have a thorough knowledge of the League and its work in all its phases. These are opportunities, rich in education, and which can well be taken advantage of for the educational feature alone.

In conclusion we wish to say that a knowledge of opportunity should be a conviction of duty. I have attempted to point out the educational opportunities of the League, as I saw them. Some of them I know are being improved, in some degree at least. To what extent, if at all, others are taken advantage of, I cannot say. Each society must be its own judge in this matter. Let us then look at the situation fairly and ask ourselves the question, Are we making the most of these opportunities, as well as any others which we may have? And I feel confident that any society which has faithfully improved its educational opportunities in the past has come to realize that there are connected with the League, educational opportunities which are not to be despised and that, if any society which has neglected to take advantage of its educational opportunities will begin now and improve such opportunities, it will, before the next convention in this district, be a better society and have a deeper respect for the educational opportunities of our organization.

Luther League of Iowa

Seventh Convention at Eagle Grove, August 30—September 1

THE Luther League of Iowa met in its seventh annual convention in the Norwegian Lutheran Church at Eagle Grove, of which church Rev. L. O. Thorson is pastor, on August 30, 31, and September 1, 1910.

The first session was held on Tuesday evening, August 30. After a short opening service, the Eagle Grove Choir sang an anthem. The address of welcome was given by the pastor, Rev. L. O. Thorson, to which Mr. Lauris M. Eek, of Jewell, president of the Iowa Central Luther League, responded. After a solo by Miss Jane Thompson, of Fort Dodge, a very interesting and inspiring sermon was delivered by Rev. J. A. Quello, of Beresford, S. Dak. He took his text from Prov. 23:26, "My Son, give Me thy heart," and emphasized the needs of conviction coming from the heart, and that it was very important that the whole heart be given to the Lord. God does not want a half-hearted servant, but one who enters the service of Christ with his whole heart. After the sermon Miss Julia Gunderson, of Eagle Grove, sang a solo with much feeling.

After the close of the evening service the local Luther League tendered a reception to the delegates and visitors. Refreshments were served and every one given a chance to get acquainted.

The theme or motto of the convention was "The Luther Leaguer—Inspiration, separation and dedication."

Wednesday morning, after a short devotional service, the president, secretary, executive committee and district presidents made their reports, after which Mr. L. M. Eek sang a solo.

At this session the first part of the convention theme, namely, "Inspiration," was taken up for discussion. Three addresses were given on this subject. Miss Marie Saby, of Radcliffe, spoke on the subject, "The Luther Leaguer—Inspired by Private and Public Worship." She emphasized the fact that private prayer was essential and that inspiration could be gathered from it when we realize what a power for good it is in our lives. The public worship of our Church is certainly an inspiration to us.

Mr. Magnus Johnson, of Jewell, then discussed the subject, "The Luther Leaguer—Inspired by the History and Doctrine of the Lutheran Church." The summary of this dis-

course was the giving of six distinct reasons why the Luther Leaguer is inspired by the history and doctrine of our Church. They were as follows.

1. Her History. It is a glorious one because it was won amid many hardships and great struggles.

2. Because we cannot but admire the firm stand that Luther and his co-workers took in the Reformation.

3. Because of the growth of the Church and its influence felt the world over.

4. Her Doctrines. Because they are in conformity with the word of God as revealed in the Scriptures.

5. Because her doctrine is very simple, based on two principal parts, namely justification by faith alone, and the efficacy of the means of grace.

6. Because her doctrine has stood for almost four hundred years without any revision and will stand until the day of Judgment, when all the faithful shall be permitted to enter into the Church Triumphant.

May we be inspired to greater service.

Mr. Lee Kosar, of Iowa City, then spoke on the subject, "The Luther Leaguer—Inspired by the World's Need." The temperance cause and civic righteousness were emphasized. The needs are great for our service and may we be inspired to service by this fact.

A free discussion followed each of these addresses and was participated in by Revs. L. M. Kuhns, L. O. Thorson, J. A. Quello, H. F. Martin and Mr. L. M. Eek.

At the Wednesday afternoon session the theme, "Separation," was discussed. Rev. O. R. Sletten, of Des Moines, who was unable to be present, sent his paper on "The Luther Leaguer—Separated to the Ministry of the Lord and the Ministry of Mercy," which was read before the convention and was very good.

The subject, "The Luther Leaguer—Separated from the Passing Lusts of the Earth," was discussed by Mr. L. M. Eek. He emphasized that the sin entered in when amusements, the greed for money, athletic sports, etc., were carried too far. It was better to be separated from it if it worked to that end.

A "Round Table," or "Questionaire," was then conducted by Rev. L. M. Kuhns and was very interesting and inspiring. Some real

short and good answers were given to some of the questions asked.

At the evening session Wednesday two addresses were given. Rev. L. M. Kuhns emphasized that in our Luther League work we should be willing to work, willing to extend to each other a helping hand, and willing to do our duty. Let the Spirit of Christ be manifested in our work.

Hon. Ole O. Roe, from Des Moines, spoke about the future of our Church and said, in part, that we must exercise loyalty and love to her the same as we do in our family circle, and that it depends on this loyalty of our young people what the future of our Church will be. We should study its history, its achievements, its greatness to gather inspiration to work.

The Eagle Grove Choir and male chorus furnished the music at this session.

Thursday morning after a prayer and praise service led by Magnus Johnson, reports were heard from the different working committees of the convention and also from the extension committee. The officers elected are:

President, Rev. H. F. Martin, Iowa City; recording secretary, Mr. Martin Cleveland, Eagle Grove; corresponding secretary, Mr. O. J. Viland, Slater; treasurer, Miss Emma Sheldahl, Roland.

The theme, "Dedication," was then taken up for discussion and Rev. L. M. Kuhns spoke on the topic, "The Luther Leaguer—Dedicated to a Daily Service for Others." He said if we dedicated our lives to the service of Christ in the Church and lived in a daily communion with Christ, it would result in a daily service for others.

Rev. J. A. Quello then gave an address on "The Bible." He emphasized that it was necessary for us in order to preach from the Bible to know the Bible. We should therefore adopt some method of studying the Bible systematically, and gain all the knowledge possible. It would help us in our work.

On Thursday afternoon the Thor Choir was present and favored with three selections which were highly appreciated.

Rev. H. F. Martin, the president of the Luther League of Iowa, delivered a sermon at this session. His text was from John 1:35-42, and brought out the fact that John pointed out the Lamb of God to Andrew and he went and told his brother, Simon Peter, and not only told him but brought him along to Jesus. We should do likewise. After we

have found Christ we should tell our experience to others, and not only tell them of it, but persuade them to come along to Jesus. Peter became a great worker for Christ, but Andrew was instrumental in bringing him into the work. If we are not gifted to become a Peter, we can be an Andrew.

The Thursday evening session, the last session of the convention, was opened with a short devotional service, after which the Eagle Grove Choir sang a song. An address was then given by Rev. Edward F. Bartholomew, professor at Augustana College, at Rock Island, Ill. He spoke on the subject, "The Luther League Inspired by Opportunity" and mentioned that in our day we have an excellent opportunity for service in the Church and that we should be inspired to make use of it.

The next was an address by Rev. E. P. Schueler, of Quincy, Ill., which was also very inspiring and good.

This closed the seventh annual convention of the Luther League of Iowa. In point of attendance at the sessions it was the best ever held. While the elected delegation was small, there was a very large number of visitors present from neighboring Leagues. It was a splendid convention from beginning to end, and if we would only practise what was said and taught to us it would bring great results in our League work. May each one of us do our part.



The Wages of Sin

BY W. P. STEINHAUSER.

I dreamt I wandered in the autumn tide

Through unfamiliar woodland, dark and grim;

And, as I moved along my devious way,

The night bird warbled on the naked limb;
Then came I to a cavern: at the mouth

A figure, draped in sable mantle, stood;
Grief's dew was on her eyelids, and she seemed

Sad as a young bride in her widowhood.

And whilst I gazed in pity and in fear,

In either hand a needle I beheld;

Deftly a garment her pale fingers wove,

Seeming by some strange destiny impelled.

"Tell me," I asked, "the burden of thy task?"

"This is thy shroud," she answered; "at each sin

One stitch I take, and at each noble deed

Over again my labor I begin."

The Lord's Day—How Shall We Keep It?

The public profanation of the Sabbath had followed the cessation of the temple services. It was an "evil thing," the profanation of the Sabbath. Labor was carried on and the markets were open. Merchants from Tyre and other places found the same opportunity for driving their business on the Sabbath as on other days, and God's law touching its sacred observance was broken.

In ordering the gates of the city to be closed on the Sabbath Nehemiah took a decisive reformatory step. He pointed the leaders of the people to the experience of history. When the merchants and various other dealers, finding admission refused them on the Sabbath, set up booths outside the gates to traffic with the peasantry, Nehemiah threatened them with stringent measures. He proposed to preserve the sanctity of the Sabbath from profanation by the commercial pursuits of the people, and to keep it sacred and from violation by a foreign people. The most appropriate guardians of the Sabbath were the Levites. Purified of ceremonial uncleanness, they were charged with the duty of keeping the gates on the Sabbath.

Long years after this Christ taught the people something about the Sabbath. The tongue of the Church is this day given to her Lord. She tells His story, she declares His purposes, she confesses her faith in Him, she expresses her loyalty. And believers come this day not only to a public duty, but also to an imperial experience. Of this Sabbath which Nehemiah sought to preserve as sacred Christ declared Himself to be the Lord. "For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." This he did not do to destroy it, but to own it. Surely He who established it, who gave its law, must know the fullness of its meaning and purposes. As Lord of the Sabbath, Christ does not abolish it; He interprets the intent of the law. Dr. Arthur Little says: "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. The profound wisdom and divine philosophy of these words become more evident with the lapse of centuries. This incisive utterance from the lips of the Lord Jesus released the Sabbath from the burdensome traditions and cruel exactions which had transformed one of God's best gifts into a curse, and reaffirmed its divine authority, permanent obligations and supreme blessedness.

The essence and spirit of the fourth commandment are here reproduced and perpetuated."

It is Christ who has taught us the importance of the spirit of the Sabbath. He has told us that "it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath day." Such work, then, as contemplates the real, true benefit of another is not only legitimate, but we may understand that works of necessity, charity and mercy come within the scope of "lawful to do good on the Sabbath." Upon this point Archbishop Whately well says: "There is no maxim sounder, notwithstanding its origin, than that of the Jewish doctors, 'Whatever can possibly be done the day before, or may be deferred till the day following, ought not to drive away the Sabbath.'" And Milton says:

"Thrice happy men,
And sons of men, whom God hath thus advanced,
Created in his image, there to dwell
And worship Him, and in rewards to rule
Over His works, on earth, in sea, or air,
And multiply a race of worshippers
Holy and just. Thrice happy if they knew
Their happiness, and persevere upright.
So sung they, and the empyrean rung
With hallelujahs. Thus was Sabbath kept."



Daily Bible Readings

Monday, October 17—Micah 7:1-6; Matt. 10:34-39.
Tuesday, October 18—Eph. 6:10-20.
Wednesday, October 19—Zech. 4:11-10; Rom. 8:26-30.
Thursday, October 20—II Tim. 4:9-18.
Friday, October 21—I John 5:1-12.
Saturday, October 22—Rev. 3:2-6.
Sunday, October 23—Luke 19:1-10.
Monday, October 24—Josh. 6:1-27.
Tuesday, October 25—II Kings 1:1-18.
Wednesday, October 26—II Chron. 29:1-11.
Thursday, October 27—Matt. 9:27-31.
Friday, October 28—Mark 7:31-37.
Saturday, October 29—Ps. 46:1-11.
Sunday, October 30—I Kings 18:21-26, 36-40.
Monday, October 31—Ps. 137:1-9.
Tuesday, November 1—II Chron. 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1-11.
Wednesday, November 2—Ezra 6:1-22.
Thursday, November 3—Neh. 2:1-20.
Friday, November 4—Zech. 2:1-13.
Saturday, November 5—Mal. chaps. 3 and 4.
Sunday, November 6—Jere. 33:7-18; Mal. 3:13, 4:6.
Monday, November 7—Matt. 28:16-20 (R. V.).
Tuesday, November 8—Eph. 1:3-14.
Wednesday, November 9—Acts 1:1-11.
Thursday, November 10—Gal. 6:1-10.
Friday, November 11—John 9:1-12.
Saturday, November 12—Ps. 16:5-11, 61:1-8.
Sunday, November 13—Acts 16:4-12.
Monday, November 14—Matt. 17:15-23.
Tuesday, November 15—Rom. 8:1-11.
Wednesday, November 16—Rom. 8:12-21.
Thursday, November 17—Gal. 5:1-15.
Friday, November 18—Gal. 5:16-24.
Saturday, November 19—Isa. 61:1-11.
Sunday, November 20—John 8:31-36.

Luther League Topics

Twenty-fourth Sunday After Trinity. Nov. 6.

From Ezra to Malachi

Jeremiah 33:7-18; Malachi 3:13, 4:6.

Topic Reviewed by Rev. Paul W. Koller.

This lesson concludes a year's historical study of the Old Testament. We began with the creation of the world and the fathers of the Jewish nation, and have had one phase after another of the life of the chosen people. With today we lay aside, for a time at least, their history, but not the warnings, vital lessons and inspirations gleaned from this year's close touch with the people of God.

This topic, "From Ezra to Malachi," presents to us the period, from the return from captivity to the last prophet of the Old Testament—Malachi. The books to read are Ezra, Nehemiah, Zechariah, Haggai and Malachi.

I. God keeps His word.

It had been foretold by the prophet Jeremiah that at the expiration of seventy years—dating, it would seem, from the first captivity—the Jews would return to their own land; and before that, Isaiah had predicted that this should take place under a king, as yet unborn, called Cyrus. They spoke for God, and God kept His word.

In the first year of the reign of Cyrus, the Persian, he issued a decree recognizing these prophecies and God's authority. He accordingly permitted such as wished to return to their own country. A great company did so under the leadership of a prince of the house of David named Zerubbabel. Others came later under Ezra, and others still later under Nehemiah.

The fact that God keeps His word is very assuring to all who serve Him. Not only here have we evidence of this, but all through the scriptures. We forget this sometimes. The promises He has made are too often looked upon by us as vague impossibilities, and we grow discouraged and hopeless. But His word is never broken. We can rely upon the promises of God.

II. God needs and uses men of differing ability to carry on His work.

The leader, Ezra, was a great man, and did a great work in restoring the kingdom. He cleansed Jerusalem of idolatry, published the

sacred scriptures, and re-established the temple worship, but he could not do all that was to be done. The walls of Jerusalem had not been rebuilt, and as long as they remained down the city was at the mercy of her enemies. The wise and energetic Nehemiah, who stood high in the favor of the Persian king, was needed for this task, and God called him to do it.

So about thirteen years after Ezra's arrival, Nehemiah, with a splendid escort of "captains of the army and horsemen," went to Jerusalem and rebuilt the walls.

No man can do it all.

God needs men of differing talents for His work. This is very true of work in and for the Church. Your ability is not exactly that of another, but God needs what you can do, and only as you do your part will the work go on.

III. God never leaves His people without Hope.

The days after the return from captivity are not very bright days. At first the people rally around their leaders; they work faithfully and are true to their religion. But after a time they become very lax; Mosaic moral laws are broken; the worship neglected, and the people say, We would better have remained among the heathen. They cannot re-establish the old kingdom as they would. Things seem very dark and hopeless. But the people are not without a great Hope—it is that of the promised Messiah, who shall redeem Israel. As other things fail this is more and more the song of the prophets, and the hope of the people. Mal. 3:2. "Unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings."

This Messiah is still the hope of the hopeless and the light of the world.

Subjects for papers or talks:

1. Tell an incident of the days of captivity—that of "Esther."
2. Who influenced Cyrus to recognize the prophecies concerning the return?
3. Give a brief account of the return of the captive Jews under Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah.
4. What can you tell of Malachi and the nature of his prophecy?

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Trinity. Nov. 13.

Our Duty to South America

Topic Review Collated by Topics Secretary.

A Correction.—Through one of those seemingly unavoidable accidents which occur between editors and compositors, the first paragraph in the topic for today lost a line or two. Please read the following between the second and third lines: "Naturally turned to India, Africa and China, because of their great need; but increasing acquaintance with South America has taught us her great need. Today, few lands challenge the Christian world with a more imperative appeal than this neglected continent." We are grateful to Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Ph. D., the editor of "Lutheran Woman's Work," for her splendidly written topic on the subject for today.

European Efforts.

"From Reformation times, Lutherans from Germany and Northern Europe have continued to emigrate to Latin America. German Lutherans have seven synods in South America, three in Rio Grande do Sul, which are organized into a General Synod, the La Plata Synod, the Synod of Catharina and Parana, and the Synod of Chile. These five synods are in close touch with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Prussia and receive liberal aid from that Church. They have made great progress within the last five years. They have their own seminary to train pastors and teachers, also orphanages in Rio Grande and Chile. They have a missionary society to work among the natives and a score or more of deaconesses. Several traveling missionaries are active in organizing new churches and preaching stations. The Moravian Mission in Dutch Guiana was largely manned for many years by Lutheran ministers. It is estimated that there are a million Germans in South America today. The Lutheran Church of Europe is caring for her own in South America as best she can, but even among her own people the field is practically untouched. Hundreds of thousands of them are without gospel privileges, to say nothing of the teeming multitudes around."—Mrs. Dr. Shaffer.

The Missouri Synod.

"The work was established in 1900 in Rio Grande do Sul. Our missionaries' labors, while marvelously successful, have been difficult and carried on amid great hindrances. Chief among these has been the opposition of tramp preachers and the uncivilized and ig-

norant state of the people. The preaching places are far apart and the means of transportation are primitive. When the mission was first opened our ministers were regarded as agents of the American Government; every move they made was watched with suspicion and distrust. A district of the Missouri Synod has been organized, "Brazil," which reports 20 pastors, 50 parochial stations, 5,042 communicants, 10,465 souls, 32 parochial schools with 1,114 pupils. The Rev. William Mahler is the president, both of the synod and of the Practical Seminary recently established at Porto Alegre, which has nineteen students."—Rev. O. C. Kreinheder.

The General Synod.

In 1909 the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society (G. S.) established a mission in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Two missionaries are at work. One is pastor of a Scandinavian congregation made up of Norwegians, Danes and Swedes. Their first Sunday School was started June 19, 1910. Six classes were arranged, four Spanish, two English. Besides, German is also used in the primary department.

This synod also has a congregation of 343 communicant members in New Amsterdam, Berbice, British Guiana, which was first organized in 1743.

A Motto.

"America for Christ!" "That means all America from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego. The motto need not be changed, but the conception of its border. And there need not be less done for India, Africa and the United States, but more for *all America*."—K. B. S.

Twenty-sixth Sunday After Trinity. Nov. 20.

Luther's Stand for Liberty

John 8:31-36.

Historical Topic Reviewed by Rev. F. C. Longaker.

During the Middle Ages the power and authority of the Romish Church became next to absolute throughout Europe. Kings and princes depended on the Popes for their crowns. Frederick Barbarossa, one of Germany's greatest emperors, humbled himself before Alexander III. The authority of the Popes, it was claimed, was related to that of kings as the sun is to the moon. During this period numerous kings were put under the ban, and excommunicated from the Church. Pope Boniface VIII asserted that "the two swords," the symbols of both secular and spiritual rule, were given to St. Peter and his

successors. In this claim the temporal power was subordinated to the spiritual. Under these conditions, the papacy was both legislator and judge; and, with kings and emperors dependent on its will, the people were mere slaves, both in matters of state and religion.

This state of things continued until the time of the Reformation, though attempts to remedy it were made during the century preceding. In speaking of Luther's stand for liberty, to be exact, it would be necessary to include the whole Reformation, as indeed all Luther's work was a protest against and a battle with the boastful claims of the hierarchy. The XCV theses were a stand for liberty, for in them one of the most cherished claims of the papacy was attacked. The translation of the Bible was a stand for liberty; it was a setting free of the light, and a turning of it upon the superstitions which held the people enthralled, and which kept them from God. "Justification by faith" was a tocsin of liberty, for it declared freedom from the law of works which prevented humble souls from entering the kingdom of God.

There were, however, certain other writings and undertakings of Luther which must be regarded as specific stands for liberty. A step so bold as the XCV theses would not fail to attract the attention of the whole Church; and the discussions which followed, notably between Luther and Eck, were the occasion for those declarations of liberty whose fruits still operate to the good of mankind. Luther boldly asserted that the hierarchy has no authority to decide in matters of faith. During 1520 he published three tracts, which mark the turning point from Romish absolutism to modern freedom in matters political and religious.

The first of these tracts appeared in August. It was an address to "The Christian Nobles of Germany, on the Bettering of the Christian State." In it he showed what the Pope had done to convert the Germans into a race of treacherous perjurers. The second of his tracts followed in October, "On the Babylonish Captivity of the Church." Here he presented the doctrinal, or religious, aspects of the Reformation, demanding the total removal of indulgences, the cessation of ecclesiastical satisfactions, and the sufficiency of faith by which alone a man is justified. This was followed by a sermon "On the Freedom of the Christian Man." It was a small work, but must be

placed among the first gems of his writings. Its theme is that man is free through faith, but servant of all through love. It was his last effort to conciliate the papacy.

While he was issuing these tracts his enemies were not idle. Eck had been at Rome, and in September returned to Germany with the bull of excommunication against Luther, dated June 15. In this document, hitherto a mighty engine for the suppression of truth, Luther's writings were condemned and ordered to be burned wherever found; and he was summoned to confess and retract his errors within sixty days, and to throw himself on the mercy of the Pope. This bull brought Luther to a step decisive beyond recall. Susceptible of gentleness, he could meet violence and threatening with unshakable courage. He accepted the challenge, and carried the war into the heart of the enemy's country. On December 10, 1520, surrounded by friends, he burned the papal bull. The bridge was now destroyed; return was impossible; but the absolutism of the hierarchy was broken. The Christian man is free; he answers to his Lord and Master, and not to a fallible fellow-being.

The papal legate now demanded of the Diet at Worms (January 6, 1521) that Luther should be put under the ban of the empire, a step involving the right to assault his person and to confiscate his property. But the estates of the empire demanded that he be summoned and given a hearing. In spite of the urgent entreaty of his immediate friends, Luther obeyed the summons; and on April 17 and 18, 1521, the sublimest scene in the history of the Christian Church were enacted. Acknowledging the condemned books as his own, he defended them in a lengthy address. He upheld freedom of conscience, and denied the right of the hierarchy to control the religious convictions of men by force. To the request to recant, he replied: "Unless I shall be convinced by Scripture or sound argument (for I believe neither Pope nor councils alone, since it is manifest that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures which I have quoted, and my conscience is held captive by the Word of God; and it is neither safe nor right to act against conscience, I cannot and will not retract anything. *Here I stand; I cannot do otherwise; God help me. Amen!*"

Luther was compelled to defend this stand

throughout his life; and how well he did it. we may read in its permanent fruits. Our free churches, schools, civil institutions, all so intrinsically precious, are the fruits of Luther's stand for liberty.

First Sunday in Advent.

Nov. 27, 1910.

Christ in Prophecy

Isaiah 7:14, Micah 5:1-4; Luke 24:25-27.

Topic Reviewed by Rev. Paul W. Koller.

This week brings us to the precious and holy season of Advent. From now on until the Christ child comes at Christmas time the Christian world thinks of the coming of the Lord, and determines a new allegiance to Saviour and King.

For long centuries the God-fearing servants of Jehovah looked for that Saviour to come, as inspired prophets told of His glory and power. On this Advent Sunday it should stimulate our faith and awaken our devotion to see Christ as He stands out in ancient prophecy. The first mention of a Saviour in Scripture takes us back to the very beginning of things—Gen. 3:15, 16: "It shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel," said God to the serpent in the garden. Gen. 22:17: "In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." Numbers 24:17: "There shall come forth a star out of Jacob and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel." These are but a few of the earliest predictions of a Saviour.

So we can find many references to Him in sacred song. The Psalms are full of thoughts descriptive of His sufferings and glory. But it is in prophecy that our Saviour is set forth clearly as we know Him, and as He came among men. Hence the Christ in prophetic outlook invites our most devout attention. These prophecies are wonderful in their unity and exactness, covering as they do a period of from three to five hundred years, and spoken from five to two hundred years before His birth.

I. *They set forth His divine personality.*

If the Saviour is to be an efficient Redeemer He must be God. No merely human being could bridge the chasm between man and God, and make a sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. As God He is spoken of in prophecy.

One of the prophets speaks of the Christ as Lord. Jeremiah 33:16: "In those days, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land, and be called 'The Lord our Righteousness.'"

Malachi points out His Universal Rulership. Isaiah describes His Eternal Existence. Daniel calls Him the Prince and Messiah.

II. *They speak clearly of His human nature.*

That the Son of God is also the son of man—that in one personality there is the union of a human nature with the divine—has always been the most ardent contention of believers in His saving power. How wonderful that for centuries before, men foresaw this characteristic. They spoke of His extraction—of the seed of David. They described His birth. Micah 5:2: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel." Isaiah 7:14: "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." They represented Him as "The Branch." Zech. 6:12, 13. They exalted Him as a ministering servant.

III. *They present the Atoning Messiah.*

It is interesting to find that His work of atonement had become a positive and distinct reality two centuries before His advent. One of the most remarkable facts needing emphasis is the accumulation of testimony. The description is very minute and yet not one single prophet tells of every distinctive feature. One tells us of the ill treatment He would receive. Micah 5:1. And of the consequent patience.

Another, Zechariah 12:10, 13:7, speaks of His sufferings for others.

A third, Isaiah 35:49, 60:65, discusses the great doctrines of redemption and salvation.

IV. *They set forth a Victorious Christ.*

That He is victor over all earthly limitations, over all enemies that oppose, and over sin and death is our confidence. We follow and serve not a dead and defeated Christ, but a living and victorious Christ. Jeremiah 23:6, "In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His name whereby He shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness."

Questions for discussion:

1. What are some of the early predictions of a Saviour?
2. What Psalms speak of Christ?
3. Why could not the Jews recognize Jesus as the Christ of prophecy?
4. What help has this study of Christ in prophecy been to you?

Book Reviews

THE NATURE OF GOD. A Series of Lectures. By J. A. Hall, D.D. Pp. 328. \$1.25. Lutheran Publication Society, Philadelphia.

Dr. Hall does not give us easy reading here, but he gives us profitable reading. He shows the failure of philosophy to reveal the nature of God and makes clear the impossibility of such a revelation from philosophy. Then, in a fine chapter, wherein religion is defined as "living consciousness of oneness with God," religion is exhibited as the only authoritative voice concerning God's nature. Religion is then discussed as to origin, seat and content. The certainty of the knowledge which religion brings us is fully enlarged upon. Finally, in chapters upon anthropomorphism and the Trinity, the necessity of incarnation and the firm truth of Christianity as the only religion, and the tri-personal Deity, fittingly close the discussion. Throughout the argument is strong, thoroughly developed in details, filled with reverent helpfulness. We may question some of the distinctions made and believe some others should have been made; the definition of religion may not satisfy all, the element of sin not being included; the seat of religion would be more truly placed in faith, which underlies knowledge and feeling and will; Christian knowledge is not all experimental, as Dr. Hall states it, but is also knowledge accepted entirely upon our confidence in Jesus Christ. Every careful reader and student will doubtless find himself in disagreement at places. Yet he will need to be careful that he has understood aright the point the author is proving before he disagrees; and he will always find himself interested, enlightened and stimulated throughout the discussion. We commend the book to thoughtful attention everywhere. The lectures were originally given at Wittenberg Theological Seminary.

A STUDY OF ST. PAUL IN DIALOGUE. By Alice Belmer Nickles. Pp. 75. 50 cents. Lutheran Publication Society, Philadelphia.

THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY CONFLICT. A Study of the Life of Luther in Dialogue. Pp. 43. 30 cents.

These booklets remind one of the "Miracle Plays" of centuries ago. In dialogue form, without necessity of stage properties, history and story and truth are presented. Each scene is accompanied with a musical selection and preceded by a statement (to be read aloud) giving the necessary connection between scenes. The preparation has undoubtedly been a thorough one. Where thorough and reverent rehearsals have been held, these presentations

would unquestionably be educational and uplifting.

The Church and the Man, by Harry T. Dowder, A. M., is an earnest and practical address and appeal to the men of the Church for a real participation in the purposes and activities of the Church. It is worth the reading. The Lutheran Publication Society, of Philadelphia, issues it at ten cents.

THE ROYAL ROAD TO EXTEMPORÉ SPEAKING. By a New York Orator. Pp. 261. Cloth and gold, \$1; flexible morocco, \$1.75. The University Book Co., 953 Columbus avenue, New York.

A practical treatise on word-memory, the use of words, and oratory, with exercises, and practical examples.

Rev. F. E. Oberlander, pastor of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Berlin, Ontario, has issued a neat pocket manual of daily devotion for the individual. It consists of scripture selections and a prayer for both morning and evening for each day of the week, and other devotional matter. It is one of the neatest little manuals we have been privileged to see.

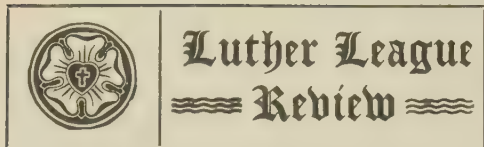
In the series of Lutheran monographs, the Lutheran Publication Society has published, for five cents per copy, a series of seventy-two theses, by Prof. Frank P. Manhart, A. M., D. D., on "Present Day Lutheranism." They give light upon present conditions in our divided Church in America, are irenic in spirit, and are suggestive of much to every American Lutheran. Let such be sure to read them.

Two Christian laymen are arranging to present to every Christian worker whose address can be obtained a series of strong statements upon "The Fundamentals." The first volume includes "The Virgin Birth," by Orr; "The Deity of Christ," by Warfield; "The Purposes of the Incarnation," by Morgan; "The Personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit," by Torrey; "The Proof of the Living God," by Pierson; "History of the Higher Criticism," by Hague; "A Personal Testimony," by Howard A. Kelly, M. D. Every Christian worker will desire such presentations. The purpose of the two laymen is highly to be commended. The publication is from the Testimony Publishing Company, 808 La Salle avenue, Chicago.

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✂ Editorial ✂

Giving is worship. God has so ordered it that the penny of the poor and the dollar of the rich make the givers the greatest gainers. The earnest Christian lays up treasures where they will always be safe. The true way of investing earthly wealth is to lay up treasures in Heaven. The needs of the Church today are more honest, regular, systematic, faithful and liberal giving. Young Lutherans should persistently follow the Christian art of giving. Some have learned to "part with their money," but few have learned to "give." We do not give because we have not been trained. In the catechetical classes this training ought to be and is a part of the instruction. The Luther Leaguers ought to emphasize it more than they do. When we have learned to give we will be ready to do more definite work. While we cannot as a national organization undertake specific missionary work, we can

and ought to urge upon our individual Leagues to take a more definite and practical interest in the various departments of the Church's activities.

The maintenance of enthusiasm is the continuous and earnest performance of the duties arising out of League work. Several things may be mentioned as helpful. First, a clear comprehension of the field of work of the Luther League. It has after all these years marked out for itself a sphere and a place of work in the Church.

The Luther League Hand Book says that "The Luther League presents the opportunity of self culture to our young people. As an organization aiming to aid young Christians in leading a life of loyalty to Christ and their Church, we discover an obligation to self and to God. In an effort to train and foster the social nature of its members, it seems a gain to have that work under the control of a religious organization and under the observation of the pastor's presence and direction. An avowed effort is also made for the intellectual development of League members. It accordingly aims at an intelligent Church membership, having a clear and strong apprehension of the vital truths for which our Church exists. It proposes to secure a requisite service for the Church upon the part of the trained workers."

The Luther League, where properly used, takes up the work of the catechetical class after confirmation. It proposes to furnish the Church a trained and qualified laity. They learn Lutheran Church history. They study Lutheran missions and educational work. They learn of their Church's practical charities. They read Lutheran literature and study Lutheran doctrine. They learn to love the teachings and usages of their own Church. To do the work God has given us in this world means preparation. The preparation of Lutheran Christians for work for Christ and His Church is to know their own work and

way of working best of all. This can only help to arouse and maintain enthusiasm in the work of the Church.

Second, the hearty support and sympathy of the pastor. We do not mean that the pastor should do the work. We simply mean that he will enter into the spirit of his young people and sympathize with their desire to be active in the Church's work. It is the exercise of executive management and wise counsel, co-operating in the young people's work without assuming their work and responsibility.

Third, the wise direction of capable officers is very important. They will see that there is always something to do. They will always use their utmost personal efforts to carry out the plans and purposes of the League in the proper sphere for its work in and for the local congregation. To this may be added competent and efficient committees who will do the work assigned them and exert themselves to secure the largest results. And

Fourth, a membership in earnest, and who have a desire to work for their Church. These are some of the elements that are needed to maintain enthusiasm in the Luther League. Add to these a spirit instilled or possessed for usefulness in God's service, and any League should grow and prosper.



The steamer *Schwatka*, the first boat of the year from the Lower Yukon, is said to have brought \$900,000 of Tanana gold to Seattle. The next boat, it is said, will bring \$1,000,000 of gold additional from Fairbanks. This is to be added to our national wealth. The Scripture says: "The silver and the gold are mine and the cattle upon a thousand hills." If only a small part of the annual wealth of our mines, of our forests, of our fields, of our manufactures and trade were given to the Lord's treasury—one-tenth, according to the Old Testament, or according to our ability, the New Testament tithe—how great would be the difference in the Church's work, and in the advance made in winning the world for Christ.

"Thy Kingdom Come" is the second petition in the Lord's Prayer. This petition refers to the kingdom of grace on earth, and the kingdom of glory in heaven. In this petition we do not pray only for ourselves; but we also pray that God's kingdom may come in all the world, and that the heathen may be converted to Christ. It implies that we must aid in sending missionaries to the heathen, and that we must do all in our power to spread the gospel. It is in harmony with this petition "Thy Kingdom Come" that the Layman's Missionary Movement is going forward. The object is "to secure from Christians in America a recognition of the nation's religious responsibility for the world." The campaign for missions is wholly educational and spiritual. At the conventions no attempt is made to secure subscriptions. The movement does not administer missionary funds nor send out missionaries. Its object is to assist the churches in enlarging their missionary work to meet the spiritual needs of mankind. Its purpose may be gathered from these questions: "What is America's share in the evangelization of the world? What is meant by evangelization? What part have men in it? How is it to be done?" This all shows the object is definite and vital as a worthy effort to extend Christ's kingdom throughout the world. In this connection it has been well said: "A church or a nation can best enrich its own life by undertaking its whole duty abroad as well as at home." This work has enlisted many of our Lutheran laymen, and has deepened the interest in missions. It is a movement that seems to appeal strongly to the men of the churches.



The formation of habits is a matter to engage serious attention. The organization of experience is practically the underlying process in learning. This results in ideas and habits. These two types of experience are entirely different. In scientific teaching the first great principle is to analyze the subject matter and determine what elements are to become

habitual. With reference to habit getting four considerations are important. There must be a careful consideration of the habit to be formed. There must be in the mind of the person an idea of the habit and of its value to him. There must be abundant practice and lastly all exceptions must be prevented. Bad habits are best removed by substituting good ones for them. We need to focus attention upon the importance of forming habits and of planning for their development. This is important both for parents and for teachers. In the home as well as in the school there is a responsibility for the formation of habits.

To all the writers who have been giving their time and talents as a labor of love to the preparation of Topic discussions and REVIEW articles, we express in this public way our sincere thanks and also the appreciation of all our Luther Leaguers. Let us all together labor to make the Luther League Topics the very best possible, so that the weekly devotional meeting may be, in fact, as well as

in theory, the real center of the influence and power of the Luther League movement. Let simplicity of treatment go hand in hand with the very highest standard of excellence.

Practically all the great denominations, not only through the Federal Council of Churches, but also through their own ecclesiastical bodies, have officially recognized the urgency of the social question, and the necessity of applying to its solution the teachings of Jesus Christ; but they have not told the local Church what to do.

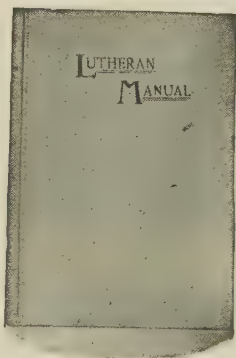
There is today a common failure to utilize existing interest which is due to a lack of knowledge. What to do is the vital question.

The American Institute of Social Service, of which Dr. Josiah Strong is president, has created a new department to meet this need. Its magazine, *The Gospel of the Kingdom*, has been doubled in size, and the new half is devoted to the question what to do.

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Our Churches and Institutions

In Some of Our Large Cities

New York.

—The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brooklyn, Rev. Charles D. Trexler, pastor, was consecrated Sunday, September 11. It is located on Fourth avenue and Seventy-fifth street, Brooklyn, and is a beautiful addition to our growing list of churches in Greater New York. The dedication sermon was preached by Rev. D. J. Trexler, father of the pastor. The building cost \$35,000.

—The pastorate of the Church of the Transfiguration has become vacant by the resignation of Rev. A. C. Carty, who will establish a church in another section of the city. Rev. Carty has been pastor of the Church of the Transfiguration for seven years, during which much progress in the building up of a strong and active church has been made.

Baltimore.

—Rev. Foster U. Gift has been called to the pastorate of Calvary Church, this city, to succeed Rev. J. C. Bowers.

—The twenty-fifth anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church, Rev. H. D. Newcomer, pastor, was celebrated with appropriate services on September 25, and following week.

—Rev. William E. Brown, formerly of Middletown, Md., has accepted a call to the Church of the Reformation.

Charleston.

—The late J. C. H. Clausen, of this city, who died recently, has made two bequests of \$2,500 each to St. Matthew's and St. Johannes' Lutheran churches.

Milwaukee.

—The First Swedish Lutheran Church recently consecrated its new edifice, at Seventh avenue and Madison street. Rev. Albert S. Hamilton is pastor.

Miscellaneous.

—The Southern Church's interests were fully considered at the interesting convention of the United Synod of the South, held in Richmond, Va., September 6-10. The officers elected were: President, Rev. Prof. J. B. Morehead, D. D., Salem, Va.; vice-president, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., Charleston, S. C.; secretary, Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., Spartanburgh, S. C.; assistant secretary, Charles H. Stieglitz, Atlanta, Ga.; treasurer, J. E. Cooper, Winchester, Va.; statistician, Rev. George H. Cox, Granite Quarry, N. C. Perhaps the most important action taken was the decision to defer publishing the musical edition of their Book of Worship until the next biennial convention, in the hope that by that time the Joint Committee on Common Service may have completed its work. The foreign mission work, through the presence and pleas of Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, received very favorable consideration, and the seminary project in Japan was heartily commended to the people, including the request to raise \$25,000 additional. The Publication Board's report, which told of the new building, plant and enlarged business was most gratifying. The next convention will be held in Atlanta, Ga.

—Eleven young men of the First Church, Mansfield, Ohio, are students at Wittenberg College, and seven of them are preparing for the ministry. On one Sunday in September there were 963 scholars in the Sunday school of this church. Rev. S. P. Long, D. D., is the pastor.

—Rev. T. R. Bense, Bristol, Conn., has received and accepted a call from the Foreign Mission Board of the General Council to go to India. He will leave this fall for his new field of labor.

—Rev. Charles P. MacLaughlin's resignation as pastor of Zion Church, Meyersdale, Pa., took effect October 1. He then became pastor of St. James' Church, Concord, N. C.

—A bequest of \$10,000 has been received by St. Paul's Church, Liberty, N. Y., from the late Charles Wurster, the income of which is to be added to the pastor's salary. Mr. Wurster gave previously \$16,000 to this church. Rev. H. C. Freimuth is the pastor.

—An exchange publishes a report that St. Olaf and Luther colleges have each received from Mr. J. J. Hill an offer of \$50,000, provided each will raise an additional \$200,000.

—Miss Aase Hangen, of Decorah, Iowa, bequeathed her estate, valued at more than \$40,000, to the United Norwegian Church, to establish a home for the aged.

—A female seminary is to be established at Mankato, Minn., by the Educational Association of the Synodical Conference. About \$150,000 will be expended in necessary buildings.

—Rev. J. H. Harpster, D. D., has finally decided not to return to India as one of the missionaries of the Foreign Missions Board, and has tendered his resignation. For some time longer, however, Dr. Harpster will continue to represent the mission cause in this country.

—Rev. Ira O. Notthstein, pastor of Grace English Lutheran Church, Rock Island, Ill., has accepted the call of the Board of Foreign Missions to become one of our missionaries to India.

—Miss Margaret Haupt, daughter of Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, D. D., of Pittsburgh, has been called as a missionary to India. She expects to

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enter upon her work in 1911. Meanwhile she will take a special course of training at the Mary J. Drexel Motherhouse of Deaconesses.

—Miss Agnes Schade, of Monaca, Pa., has been commissioned missionary for the General Council to the field in India. She will sail in October.

—The new church building of the Fourth Lutheran Congregation, Springfield, Ohio, Rev. S. E. Greenewalt, D. D., pastor, was consecrated Sunday, October 9.

—Philip Simon, an honored Lutheran of Leetonia, Ohio, who died at Canton, Ohio, August 15, gave five of his sons to the Lutheran ministry.

—The Lutheran church at Polo, Ill., Rev. F. M. Keller, pastor, has three of her sons in Carthage College this year, preparing for the ministry. Seven other young men of this church are at college this year.

—More than 2,000 people were present at the dedication and second anniversary celebration of the Good Shepherd Home for Crippled and Infant Orphans and for Old People, at Allentown, Pa., on September 10. Hon. Henry Houck, of Lebanon, was one of the speakers. Among the ministers who addressed the people were Rev. William Wackernagel, D. D., and Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D. Dr. Wackernagel delivered a strong and effective dedicatory oration, arousing the interest and warming the fervor of his hearers.

—Lafayette, Ind. Purdue will open its doors for the fall term on September 14, and if you know of any Lutheran boys who are in attendance you would bestow a great favor upon me if you will let me know who they are, and I will be glad to look after them.—Elmer D. S. Boyer, pastor Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

—Mr. A. B. Yetter, of New York City, has offered to Hartwick Seminary, New York, the gift of a gymnasium. The building is to be 35 x 70 feet, and will be constructed in such a way as to admit of its use also as an audience room.

—A monument has been erected on the campus of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., to the memory of Rev. Ole O. Fugleskjel, who lost his life in the performance of missionary duty near Spooner, Minn., December 7, 1909.

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gan and Wisconsin synods of the General Synod, the Theological Seminary at Saginaw, Mich., which has been closed for several years, will be reopened in the fall.

—The Rev. Dr. Gustav Andreen, president of Augustana College, has been appointed by Governor Deneen to represent the State of Illinois at the Conservation Congress, to be held in Minneapolis, Minn., September 6-9. President Taft, ex-President Roosevelt, Gifford Pinchot, as well as the Governors of many States, will be in attendance.

—A Lutheran theological seminary will be opened in Toronto, Canada, in October, under the auspices of the Canada Synod and the Synod of Central Canada, articles of agreement to this effect having been drawn up on July 1 by the two education committees representing the two synods. A call has been extended to a well known theologian to be the dean.

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New York City District.

—At its second meeting of the season, the Luther League of the Church of the Atonement, to be held October 25, will hear a lecture on "The Planting of the Church in America," by Rev. William Freas, Jr. The League has mapped out a course of educational lectures for the season.

Brooklyn District.

—The regular September meeting of the District Luther League of Brooklyn was held in Holy Trinity Church, Monday, September 19. The opening devotional services were conducted by the Rev. G. B. Young, of St. Matthew's Church, who also delivered a very interesting and instructive address. The closing services were conducted by the Rev. G. C. Loos. The regular fall rally will be held some time near the 10th of November. At the convention of the Luther League of America, in Pittsburgh, the Brooklyn District will be represented by its president, Mr. George Inteman.

—The Luther League of St. Stephen's Church will hold its regular annual entertainment in the Cortelyou Club, Friday evening, October 25. This year the drama will be "The Girl from Porto Rico."

Mohawk Valley District.

—The nineteenth annual convention of the Mohawk Valley District will be held in the First English Lutheran Church of Schenectady, Rev. U. H. Graves, pastor, on Tuesday, October 18, 1910. There will be three sessions, the first beginning at 10.30 a. m.

NEW JERSEY

—The Luther League of Holy Trinity Church, Jersey City, Rev. E. E. Neudewitz, pastor, gave a farewell service to the young men of that church who have entered Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, to prepare for the Lutheran ministry. The speakers on this occasion were Rev. F. H. Knubel and Rev. Fred Baum. There was special music, and a social hour followed the public meeting.

PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICIAL CALL FOR STATE CONVENTION.

—The seventeenth annual convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania will be held in

Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pa., October 22, 23, 24, 1910. The first session will be held on the afternoon of the 22d, at 2.30. Each local League is entitled to two delegates and each District to five.

To make the convention a great success a large representation of delegates is necessary. Therefore all delegates will be entertained by the Lutherans of Meyersdale. Let all District and local Leagues appoint their delegates **at once**, and fill out the credential blanks, soon to be sent out, and return to Meyersdale promptly, so as to avoid confusion in the assignment of delegates.

The convention theme is "Christianity and Modern Social Conditions." The program, with speakers, follows in regular order:

"The Historical Effect of Christianity on Society," Prof. John I. Woodruff, Litt. D., Selinsgrove. "Christianity and the Labor Question," Wm. N. McNair, Esq., Pittsburgh. Sunday morning sermon, "The Unmerciful Servant," Rev. H. E. Clare, Wilkensburg. Junior Luther League meeting. Junior sectional conference for adults. Sunday evening sermon, "The Power of the Word in Social Regeneration." The Rev. C. Theodore Benze, D. D., Greenville, president, Thiel College. "Christianity and Social Legislation," Robin Wolf, Esq., Pittsburgh. "The Open Church," Mr. Frederick C. Deltz, Philadelphia. "Christianity and Immigration," F. K. Fretz, Ph. D., Philadelphia. "The Boarding House Problem," the Rev. J. F. Schantz, Philadelphia. "The Unchurched in the Congested Cities," the Rev. A. B. Hering, Philadelphia. "The Lutheran Church's Solution of Social Problems," the Rev. John A. W. Haas, D. D., Allentown, president, Muhlenberg College.

The State and local officers are planning for an enthusiastic gathering. To accomplish this we must have the delegates. Therefore plan to be represented and yours will be the benefit.

Additional credential blanks can be secured from Mrs. B. B. Harker, 438 W. Queen lane, Germantown, Philadelphia.

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—St. Stephen's Luther League, which made a systematic study of the Augsburg Confession at the regular meetings last year, proposes to take up the Common Service during the coming winter.

York District.

—The Luther League of Wrightsville, Trinity Lutheran Church, was organized September 15, 1909, and held its first religious service October 3, 1909. The society had 71 members at its organization, and now numbers 115. It has had a very prosperous year. Much interest has been taken in the services by the members. They have been truly spiritual. No young people's society existed here for more than nine years. They held their first anniversary service October 2 last. A special program was rendered. Rev. Robert D. Clare delivered a most inspiring and helpful address, which was sincerely appreciated by the well filled auditorium of the church. In the first year of the life of this society members have contributed generously to the support of Loysville Orphan Home. The League will support a foreign native worker in India. The money has already been forwarded to the synodical treasurer. The society has found a very active spiritual leader in the president, Caleb K. Drenning. This young society will have the York District Luther League meet in their church in convention next spring, their pastor, Rev. G. Wm. Millar, being president of the District Luther League.

Lancaster District.

—The sixth annual convention of the Lancaster District League was held in Emmanuel Church, Lancaster, Rev. P. George Sieger, pastor, on Thursday, October 13. A complete report may be expected in the November issue.

Berks County District.

—The District Luther League of Berks County held its sixty-eighth quarterly convention on Thursday, October 13. A complete report is expected in a future issue.

Pittsburgh District.

—The newly elected officers of the Luther League of the First German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Beaver Falls are as follows: Wm. H. Scheffler, president; H. B. Thumm, vice-president; Miss Caroline Michel, secretary; Miss Charlotte Eberhardt, treasurer; Miss Elizabeth Eberhardt, organist; Messrs. Carl Grossglass and Adolf Grossglass, librarians. The League is composed of about 70 members. The League has assumed the cost of a large art glass window in the new church to be erected. The congregation sold its old church for \$3,550, and will build one on the corner of Fourth avenue and Sixteenth street, at a cost of about \$12,000.



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Northwestern District.

—The eighteenth annual convention of the District Luther League of Northwestern Pennsylvania was held in St. John's Church, Erie, August 22-24. The opening service was held on Monday evening. After the address of welcome by Pastor G. A. Benze, and the response by Dr. C. J. Frantz, president of the District, Rev. A. T. Michler, president of the State Luther League of Pennsylvania, presented greetings from both the State and the National Luther Leagues, and urged all the Leagues of Northwestern Pennsylvania to send their full quota of delegates to the State and National Luther League conventions.

After the close of the Monday evening service, the League of St. John's Church held a reception for all in attendance at the convention.

Tuesday morning the credentials committee reported the enrollment of 67 regular delegates. Five new Leagues were enrolled as members of the League.

Rev. A. T. Michler spoke to the convention on "The Essentials for Luther Leaguers," and the address was an inspiration to all who heard it. The speaker said in part: "The average League is a failure because of the lack of leadership. We are not doing a half what we could do—we are but touching the fringe of the tremendous possibilities that lie in our very pathway. In the second place, we must be ready to meet the conditions as they exist in our cities. We are not reaching and holding the boys of our Sunday schools. If the Luther League is to 'make good' as a power for the conservation of our forces, it must get the boy and the girl before the world gets its grasp upon them. And then we need to possess the spirit of co-operation. Each Luther Leaguer is a member, not only of the local, Central, State and National Leagues, but of the Luther League of the World. To be a member of the Luther League is a sufficient guarantee of fraternalism wherever we may go."

The general convention theme was, "Our Interests," and under it very interesting papers and addresses treated of "Thiel College,"

"Church Literature," "The City Mission," "The Slav," "The Jew," "The Italian," "Our India Hospital," "Japan" and "Porto Rico."

At the Tuesday evening rally service, Rev. T. B. Roth, D. D., delivered one of his magnificent addresses. His subject was, "The Young Man and His Job." He said that the dangers that threatened the Church today are from within, and the strength of young manhood, grounded in God's Word, and directed against earthliness, must meet those dangers.

The statistical report is as follows: Senior local Leagues in the District, 20; Senior League membership, 912; Junior local Leagues, 8; Junior League membership, 441; offerings for local objects, \$1,231.88; offerings for benevolence, \$928.09; total Luther League Reviews, 103; total Senior Topics taken, 430; total Junior Topics taken, 79; banner League for benevolence, Luther League of First Lutheran Church, Warren, \$335.59; largest Senior League, St. John's, Erie, 173; largest Junior League, St. John's, Erie, 260; Leagues using largest number of Topics, Luther Memorial, Erie, and First Church, Warren, 75 each; League receiving largest number of Luther League Reviews, First Church, Warren, 50.

Among the resolutions were the following:

"Resolved, That we deplore the fact that only 103 copies of the Luther League Review, the official organ of the Luther League of America, and so little of our Lutheran Church literature, are to be found among our 1,353 members, and we urge all the officers of our local Leagues to use their influence in the circulation of a greater amount of our Lutheran literature."

The following officers of the League were elected: President, J. C. Frantz, M. D., Warren; vice-president, A. F. Schersten, Titusville; secretary, Miss Esther Bork, Meadville; treasurer, Miss Florence Beaver, Greenville.

The convention closed at noon on Wednesday, and that afternoon St. John's League took the delegates and visitors for a delightful ride on the lake.

The next meeting of the League will be held in Greenville in the summer of 1911.

OHIO

Zanesville District.

—The tenth annual convention of the Luther Leagues of the Zanesville District was held at Baltic, Tuscarawas County, Thursday, September 29, and was the most successful in the history of the organization, both in point of attendance and interest. More than half a hundred delegates and visitors were present from Zanesville, Newark, Lancaster, Coshocton, Ashville, Baltic, Tuscarawas, Stovertown, Roseville, Adamsville, Bakersville and Ragersville. Ashville was received into membership. Six of the delegates came over a hundred miles to attend. Gracious hospitality was extended by the Baltic League and members of Pastor E. J. E. Kuhlmann's church.

Three sessions were held during the day, the keynote of the convention being: "I write unto you young men because ye are strong." Dr. A. B. Markley, of Zanesville, former State

president, opened the session with a short sermon upon the convention topic. "The Present Condition of Luther League Work in Ohio and Its Needs" was discussed by Miss Ethel Mast, of Zanesville. The balance of the morning session was devoted to business.

Rev. C. P. Weiskotten, of Roseville, conducted the afternoon devotional services. A symposium of four papers followed, having the general subject, "Things That Would Produce Greater Spiritual Strength." Miss Hattie Hagerstrand, of Newark, had the paper upon "Better Home Influences"; Miss Mary Simon, of Lancaster, on "More Thorough Indoctrination in School and Catechetical Class," and Miss Elizabeth Regula, of Coshocton, discussed "Better Social Influences." The last paper was on "More Care in the Assignment of Work," by Miss Eva Kildow, of Roseville. Rev. E. J. Booher, of Tuscarawas, had a splendid address upon "How to Promote the Activity of Our Leagues."

Rev. Kuhlmann conducted the evening devotional exercises. Rev. E. F. Ritter, of Lancaster, gave an eloquent and scholarly address upon "Luther and the Young People of Our Church." Charles Bluthart, of Zanesville, the District treasurer, addressed the convention, and closing remarks were delivered by Dr. Markley and the president, J. H. Moist.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. H. Moist, Coshocton; corresponding secretary and statistician, Miss Kate Lee McConnell, of Stovertown; recording secretary, Miss Clara Lane, Zanesville; treasurer, Charles Bluthart, Zanesville. Delegates to the national convention at Pittsburgh are: J. H. Moist, Rev. Kuhlmann and John Swoyer, of Ashville; alternates, Rev. Weiskotten, Mr. Bluthart and Mr. Pace, Adamsville. The permanent committees of the District are: On extension, John Swoyer, Ashville; Mrs. Spielman, Lancaster; Charles Drescher, Baltic. On credentials, Miss Ethel Mast, Zanesville; Miss Eva Kildow, Roseville; Miss Hattie Hagerstrand, Newark.

Mansfield District.

—The young people of Crouse Memorial Lutheran Church, Tiro, Rev. J. Walter Bressler, pastor, recently reorganized their Christian



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INDIANA

—The Luther League of Zion's Church, Mulberry, and the Fair Haven Luther League, have both received much help and inspiration from the State convention, at which they were represented by good delegations. The Leagues are preparing for aggressive work in the coming season.

—The Mulberry Luther League held its annual meeting on Wednesday evening, October 5, and elected the following officers: President, Miss Matilda Gangner; vice-president, Mrs. Bertha Rothenberger; secretary, Miss Florence Keefe; treasurer, Miss Susie Martz.

—The Luther League of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, of Camden, has succeeded in placing a pipe organ in their church. The organ is a fine instrument and was constructed by M. P. Möller, Hagerstown, Md. The entire purchase price of this organ was raised by the Luther League in less than two years, with the exception of \$625, which was the gift of Andrew Carnegie. The church has been newly decorated, and with the new pipe organ makes a beautiful appearance. The pastor is Rev. Morgan L. Webb. The officers of the League are: President, Mabel Mayne; vice-president, Miss Bessie Hoff; secretary, Miss Maggie Zinn; treasurer, Miss Amanda Roth.

Northern District.

—On Wednesday evening, August 31, a unique and significant service was held in Holy Trinity Church, South Bend, Rev. C. A. Dennig, pastor. A beautiful full choral service was held in honor of the three young men—Messrs. Nels Petersen, William Adolphsen and John Nelson—who were to leave very soon for Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., Mr. Petersen and Mr. Adolphsen with the ministry in view. Rev. M. A. Meier, of Lakeville, presided at the service, and the Rev. E. F. Krauss, D. D., of Chicago, made the principal address, on the subject of "Wisdom." Rev. R. E. McDaniel, D. D., of Mishawaka, spoke in pointed words on the subject of "The Ministry." After the service the Luther Leaguers and friends were invited to the Adolphsen home, where an informal reception was held, and where resolutions were presented to the young men as a token of remembrance.

ILLINOIS

—A Luther League has been organized in Luther Memorial Church, Quincy, Rev. Edward P. Schueler, D. D., pastor.

KENTUCKY.

—August 7 we organized the Luther League at Hopeful Church, Rev. Tomlinson, pastor. Officers are as following: President, Mr. Clinton Beemon; vice-president, Mr. Roy Tanner; secretary, Miss Violetta Rouse; treasurer, Mr.

Lonnie Tanner; corresponding secretary, Miss Kittie L. Tanner; organist, Miss Lena Tanner; chorister, Mr. Roy Tanner. There are 24 members at present in the new League.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

—The annual business meeting of the Central Luther League was held in the Church of the Atonement, on September 27. A large and enthusiastic gathering of delegates from the various locals were in attendance. Encouraging reports from the officers and committees were made and showed much activity during the past year. The officers elected were: Harvey A. Benner, president; Henry Menzie, first vice-president; George R. Huttel, second vice-president; John Hermann, recording secretary; Irene Gummel, corresponding secretary, and John A. M. Trede, treasurer. The president, Mr. Harvey A. Benner, was elected delegate to represent the Central at the national convention, to be held at Pittsburgh, Pa., October 25, 26 and 27.

—Preparations are being made to celebrate Reformation Day by a service to be held in one of our large churches. A prominent out of town speaker will be secured to make the address, and a fine musical program is promised.

—The Luther League of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, at its recent annual meeting, elected the following officers: President, H. R. Fellinger; vice-president, Miss Irene Gummel; secretary, Miss Ethel Noack; treasurer, Mr. A. M. Trede; organist, Mrs. John A. M. Trede. The most of the evening was devoted to a rally. Many splendid and helpful papers were prepared and read by the members, and an excellent musical program was rendered and appreciated by a large attendance of Leaguers.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

—A Luther League has been organized in the Woman's Memorial Lutheran Church, at Spartanburg, with a membership of twenty to begin with, and the following officers: President, W. N. Willis; vice-president, J. E. Lawhon; secretary and treasurer, E. B. Hallman. Much interest is being taken and the church is being helped greatly.

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Columbia District.

—The tenth convention of the Columbia District Luther League was entertained by the Dorcas Society and congregation of the First Lutheran Church, Astoria, Ore., August 23 and 24, 1910.

The convention opened formally immediately after a reception to the delegates. Rev. Rudolf Valquist conducted the opening service. Miss Betsey Enberg, president of the Dorcas Society, gave an address of welcome. Mr. W. S. T. Derr, president of the District League, made a fitting response, after which the address of the evening was delivered by Rev. H. E. Sandstedt, of Portland, Ore. His subject was, "What Constitutes Loyalty to My Church," and carried its influence throughout the convention.

Wednesday morning, August 24, at 9.30, the devotional services were conducted by Rev. Theo. Schoenberg, of Bellingham, Wash., followed by the report of the credentials committee and the report of President Derr.

The reports of officers were followed by the election of officers, with the following result: W. S. T. Derr, president; Miss A. L. Nyland, secretary; Miss Furr Church, statistical secretary; Karl F. Miller, treasurer.

Karl F. Miller presented a paper on "Our Topics as Educators." The discussion of the paper was postponed to the afternoon session, which opened at 1.30.

The second paper, "Our Young People and Educational Institutions," read by Charlotte Church and written by H. A. Nelson, of Ridgefield, Wash., was discussed in the same interested manner as the first paper.

A paper on "Preparation, Promptness and Proficiency" was presented by Miss Beulah Derr.

The president recommended the following:

1. To send a delegate from the Columbia District to the national convention at Pittsburgh.
2. The appointment of a committee to organize efforts to secure the national convention to meet on the Pacific Coast in the near future, 1914 or 1916.
3. The reorganization of the Puget Sound District League.
4. The extended use of the Luther League Topics and Review.

Following the report the convention elected W. S. T. Derr to be sent to the national convention at Pittsburgh as official delegate from the Columbia District League.

A devotional meeting was then conducted by Rev. W. I. Eck, of Vancouver, Wash., that was of great interest and instruction, and was a fine demonstration of what a Luther League meeting should be. The convention as a whole resolved itself into an enthusiastic Luther League meeting.

On Wednesday, August 24, at 8 p. m., the devotional service was conducted by Rev. W. F. Hall. Mrs. J. A. Leas, of Portland, Ore., gave an interesting talk on "Little Things That Luther Leaguers Can Do."

"Missions at Porto Rico" was the subject of an address by Miss Clara Hazelgreen, of Seat-

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tle, Wash., and her heart interest in this work was shared by her hearers.

The prayer and benediction by Rev. Schoenberg closed a convention that is going to have a strong influence in the Lutheran Church in the Pacific Northwest throughout the coming year.

—The Luther League of St. Paul's Church, of Vancouver, is furnishing practically all the teachers in their Sunday school, and has taken the initiative in forming a teachers' training class, in which many of the other city churches are uniting. The sessions are held in the Sunday school rooms of St. Paul's.

—The Luther League of St. Paul's Church, of Vancouver, Wash., held a special missionary meeting in August, at which time Miss Clara E. Hazelgreen, of Gary, Ind., was the chief speaker. She gave an interesting and instructive address upon Porto Rico missions, where she has labored several years. Miss Hazelgreen is a sister of the president of the Oregon-Washington Bi-State Luther League, and is doing some splendid work among the Coast Leaguers along missionary lines, creating interest in foreign missions wherever she goes.

—The Luther League of St. Mark's Church, Bellingham, is taking on new life. At a meeting a short time ago it was decided to revive the work and plans are now under way.

—Recently the Luther League of the Swedish Lutheran Church at Bellingham held a rally and decided to do better work hereafter. One of the new features of this League's life is to be the study of the Topics.

CANADA

—On Wednesday evening, September 21, the first Luther League of Ottawa, Canada, was organized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Loa, when twenty-five persons became members. Rev. M. J. Bieber presided. The constitution according to the Luther League Handbook was adopted. The League decided that each member should wear the colors at all the meetings. The devotional meetings for the discussion of the Topics, etc., will be held after each Sunday evening church service. The business meetings in the members' homes on the first Thursday evening of each month, and the annual meeting will be held in May. The League took steps to institute a property fund for the erection of a church building. Various committees were appointed and the following officers were elected: President, J. A. Loa; vice-president, I. Lindblad; recording secretary, Miss Minnie Kajir; corresponding secretary, Miss Annie Holtz; treasurer, Miss Hulda Naslund.

—Church services were commenced in the capital of the Dominion by the field missionary, Rev. M. J. Bieber on July 10, and Sunday school on July 17, 1910. On August 28, a class of nine catechumens was confirmed, and on September 4 the congregation partook of its first communion. A permanent organization of the congregation will shortly be effected. A woman's missionary society was organized on September 28. The congregation worships in the King's Daughters' Hall, a fine building, centrally located. Ottawa has a population of 80,000.

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In the golden month of October the Lutheran Church looks backward to that page of history on which were written the words of stirring truth, fastened at the old church doorway at Wittenberg—words that kindled into flame the spirit of renewed Germany and opened the path of progress to the long procession of followers in the course of religious and civic freedom.

All honor to the brave, the lowly, the sincere heart of Doctor Martin Luther of Wittenberg!

DAYS AND DATES. *November 1.* All Saints' Day, whereon in 1517 the people of Wittenberg first read the 95 Theses of Luther concerning indulgences.

3. The poet Bryant born, in 1794.

5. The English "Guy Fawkes' Day," of 1604.

6. The twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity. Death, at the battle of Lutzen, 1632, of the "Snow King," Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden.

9. The great fire of Boston, 1872.

10. Birthday, in 1483, of Martin Luther, the heroic reformer of the entire Christian Church, and of Oliver Goldsmith, 1728, and Frederick Schiller, 1759.

13. Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity.

14. Birthday of Robert Fulton, 1765.

19. Birthday of President James A. Garfield, 1831.

20. Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity.

24. Thanksgiving Day.

25. Arrival in Philadelphia, 1742, of Patriarch Muhlenberg.

26. Birthday of William Cowper, 1731.

27. First Sunday in Advent and the new Church year.

29. Ziegenbalg and Pluetschan, the first missionaries, set sail from Europe for Tranquebar, India. Birthday (1811) of Wendell Phillips.

Rays from the Star of Suggestion:

Memorize as much as possible.

The thoughts and ideas presented should be such as the little folks are capable of follow-

ing, in the addresses and exercises of the Juniors.

Give and receive questions.

By all means encourage the children to pray.

Work for the orphan children.

Pray do not think that your mission band or other corps of workers may not be a part of the League of America, just because it is not called a Junior League. Any name will serve.

Answer to the dissected verse. Psalm 40:8.

A dissected verse for October: One, that I love ye; another, these things command you.

A memory verse: St. John 14:6. I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

A program for a Junior Home Mission Service, on or about October 31:

Hymn. Invocation. Gloria Patri.

Psalm, recited responsively, or in unison, or by a few voices.

The reading of scripture. See Isaiah 5:1-7, St. Matt. 20:1-16.

Hymn. Creed. Prayer. Hymn.

Address. [Suitable topics are how Luther's reformation work began. The discovery of America by Columbus and of the Bible by Luther. The Lutheran Church of many languages. How to help the mission work at Reformation time. How many boys and girls work in the mission cause?]

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